(b) is the Government aware of a petition submitted by the Caste-Hindus in the above locality requesting the Government to provide them with a tank for bathing and agricultural purposes ;

(c) if so, whether the Panchayat Superintendent has submitted any report on the same ;

(d) what is the final decision of the Government in the above matter ;

(e) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table all papers relating to this matter ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

(e) The papers cannot be placed on the Table at this stage.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know for how long these people had been asking for a tank in that locality ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—For about two or three years.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—What is the delay in passing orders ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The tank referred to by the Panchayat is a private tank, and the owner of the same will not give it to the Panchayat. Neither will he allow the Panchayat to improve it nor surrender the tank for the use of the public. He refused, and I suggested that another tank may be dug after acquiring lands. That matter is now under correspondence.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Does the owner belong to that locality ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I expect that orders will be passed in the near future ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I do not know. The matter is being considered by the Government.

Allotment for each Panchayat.

101. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a statement showing;—

(a) the amounts for which budget estimates have been submitted by the several Panchayats in the State for the year 1104 ;

(b) the amounts allotted for each Panchayat in the budget estimates prepared by the Government for the year 1104 ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) A list is placed on the Council Table.

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(b) The Member is referred to Appendix A of the preliminary budget supplied to him.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—It is said that budget estimates were submitted several times for large amounts, and only small amounts were being allotted. This year also the amount budgetted is small. May I know whether it is due to lack of funds or on account of the fact that those works are not necessary ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Certainly for want of funds and for want of funds alone.

Buildings for Panchayats.

102. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether buildings have been provided for any Panchayat in the State for holding its office ; if so to which all Panchayats ?

(b) why buildings have not been provided for the other Panchayats ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) 1. Separate buildings have been provided for Narakkal, Vellarappilli, Porkkulam, Vadakkancheri and Nemmara Panchayats.

2. Malayattur, Vadavukode, Marada, Nadamel, Tiruvankulam, Amballur, Elangunnapuzha, Chellanam, Kodakara, Kattur, Velukkara, Alur, Melur, Kaiparamba, Vilvattam, Erava, Manalur, Anthikad, Ollukkara, Kadavallur, Choondel, Mundathikode, Panjal, Chelakkara, Kondazhi, Tiruvilvamala, Vadakarapathi, Eruthempathi, Kozhinjampara, Nelleppilli, Pattancheri and Methala Panchayats are held in Government buildings where Village Offices are also held.

3. Cheranellur, Mulanturutti, Chennamangalam, Pallivirutti, Trikkur, Parappukara, Irinjalakkuda, Padiyur, Pumangalam, Kizhakkummuri, Kallur Thekkummuri, Poyya, Edavilangu, Avanur, Tholur, Adat, Kolazhi, Ayyanthole, Koorkancheri, Thaniyam, Urakam Chevur, Kodanur, Ollur, Panancheri Kattakampal, Palayannur, Ayilur and Lokamaleswaram Panchayats hold their offices in rented buildings.

4. Elankulam, Pallippuram, Edavanakkad, Kumbalangi, Varandarapilli, Porathisseri, Chalakkudi, Pariyaram, Vadama, Chazhur, Puthur, Arthat, Chowanur, Kadangode, Vellattanjur, Velur, Kariyannur, Thekkumkara, Varavur and Desamangalam Panchayats hold their offices in private buildings at the discretion of the Panchayats concerned.

(b) There was no necessity as the Panchayats concerned could get buildings free of rent.

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